

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-9 are amended.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Intake manifold or distributor for an air feed circuit for an internal-combustion engine comprising: ~~[[,]] on the one hand,~~

an intake or plenum chamber of elongated shape, ~~and provided having~~ at one of its longitudinal end ~~[[s]] with an intake aperture, and, on the other hand,~~ at least two pipes laterally connected to said chamber, said pipes extending at least partially around said intake chamber from their inlet apertures opening therein and having a curved structure over at least a portion of their the pipe length,

wherein the manifold ~~being wherein it~~ consists of two parts ~~(6 and 7)~~, a first part and a second part, produced by injection moulding of a thermoplastic material ~~[[and]], wherein the parts are joined to one another in the a region of peripheral joint zones [[(8)]] located on a joining surface [[(8')]] crossing said manifold [[(1)]]~~,

~~[[a]] the first part, [[(6)]] in one piece, forming[[,]] a first longitudinal portion [[(9)]] of [[the]] a casing defining the intake chamber [[(2)]]~~, an intermediate portion ~~[[10)]] of a side portion of the wall of each of the various pipes, [[(4)]] and an end conduit segment [[11)]] of each of said pipes [[(4)]] ending in the with an outlet aperture [[(5')]] of each of them, and~~

~~[[a]] the second part, [[(7)]] in one piece, forming a second complementary longitudinal portion [[12)]] of the casing defining the intake chamber [[(2)]]~~, an end conduit segment ~~[[13)]] of each of said pipes [[(4)]] ending with and forming an entirety of the inlet aperture [[(5)]] of each of these the pipes, [[(4)]] opening into the intake chamber, [[(2)]] and a complementary intermediate portion [[14)]] of a side portion of the wall of each of the pipes [[(4)]]~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 1, wherein the first longitudinal portion ~~[[9)]] corresponds to a main portion of the casing defining the intake chamber [[(2)]]~~

and comprises a joining piece, in one piece,  $[(9')]$  defining the intake aperture  $[(3)]$  and ~~in~~ that wherein the second longitudinal portion  $[(12)]$  corresponds to a cover closing said first longitudinal portion  $[(9)]$ , the joining surface  $[(8)]$  extending mainly below the neutral fibres or the central axes of circulation of the pipes  $[(4)]$ .

3. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 1, wherein the pipes  $[(4)]$  are connected to one another, between adjacent pipes, by connecting portions  $[(15)]$  in the form of plates or strips formed in one piece with the constituent parts ~~(6, 7)~~, on the one hand for the second part  $[(7)]$ , at least in the region of the end conduit segments  $[(13)]$  of the pipes  $[(4)]$  opening into the intake chamber  $[(2)]$  and, if necessary, of the longitudinal edges  $[(14')]$  of the complementary intermediate portions  $[(14)]$  of side wall portions of the pipes  $[(4)]$  and, on the other hand for the first part  $[(6)]$ , in the region of the end conduit segments  $[(11)]$  of the pipes  $[(4)]$  defining the outlet apertures  $[(5')]$  and, if necessary, of the longitudinal edges  $[(10')]$  of the complementary intermediate portions  $[(10)]$  of side wall portions of the pipes  $[(4)]$ , these connecting portions  $[(5)]$  forming an assembly and/or fixing flange  $[(15')]$  in one piece in the region of the end conduit segments  $[(11)]$  defining the outlet apertures  $[(5')]$ .

4. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 3, wherein the connecting portions  $[(15)]$  of the intermediate portions  $[(10, 14)]$  of side wall portions of pipes  $[(4)]$  of the first and second parts ~~(6 and 7)~~ form portions of peripheral joint zones  $[(8)]$ .

5. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 2, wherein a portion of the second longitudinal portion of the casing forming the cover  $[(12)]$  also forms a portion of the walls of the end conduit segments  $[(13)]$  of said pipes  $[(4)]$  ending in the respective inlet apertures  $[(5)]$ .

6. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 1, wherein the end conduit segments  $[(13)]$  of the pipes  $[(4)]$  opening into the intake chamber  $[(2)]$  comprise circulation axes which are substantially rectilinear and located in respective mutually parallel planes, the

segments [(13)] being obtained by moulding by means of a core displaced in translation, optionally in two different directions.

7. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 1, wherein the end conduit segments [(13)] of the pipes [(4)] opening into the intake chamber [(2)] comprise curved circulation axes located in respective mutually parallel planes, these segments [(13)] being obtained by moulding by means of a rotary core.

8. (Currently Amended) Manifold according to claim 1, wherein the segments of the conduits [(13)] of the pipes [(4)] opening into the intake chamber [(2)] comprise curved circulation axes with a helical development, these segments being obtained by moulding by means of a rotary core displaced with a combined rotational and translatory movement.

9. (Currently Amended) Method for producing an intake manifold or distributor according to claim 1, wherein it consists in separately producing the first part [(6)] and the second part [(7)] by injection moulding of thermoplastic material, whether reinforced or not, the second part [(7)] optionally being produced by a mould with a rotary core, then joining these two parts ~~(6 and 7)~~ by vibration welding in the region of peripheral joint zones [(8)].